



Office of Transition Initiatives

COTE D'IVOIRE

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) launched the Côte d'Ivoire Transition Initiative (CITI) program in September 2011, four months after the end of post-election violence which claimed the lives of three thousand people and displaced hundreds of thousands of others. While the violence has subsided, Côte d'Ivoire continues to face serious challenges as it emerges from more than ten years of civil conflict. As the October 2015 presidential elections approach, the tensions that led to the violence in 2010 are re-emerging as flash points.

In response to evolving needs, USAID/OTI's work in Côte d'Ivoire has been implemented in two phases. The first phase from September 2011 to August 2014 supported public confidence in the post-conflict recovery process through enhanced governance processes and effective community initiatives. OTI activities increased government capacity and community engagement in order to identify and respond to community-prioritized needs and encourage a peaceful transition. In line with US foreign policy objectives in Côte d'Ivoire, USAID/OTI's goal has evolved in the lead up to the next presidential election period to focus on supporting greater social cohesion and political stability around the elections.

Under this goal, OTI's targeted assistance will enable Côte d'Ivoire to achieve greater social cohesion and political stability by:

- Supporting an inclusive and credible elections process through increased public participation, support to electoral institutions, improved access to credible information, and increased intercommunity interaction and dialogue; and
- Increasing community cohesion through the development of community strategies to cope with violence and unrest, the resolution of community grievances, increased constructive dialogue and interaction, and increased dissemination of credible information.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Promoting peaceful local and regional elections through targeted awareness campaigns of candidates' code of conduct by youth groups
- Strengthening the functioning of the National Assembly through equipment drops, technical training and office rehabilitation
- Assisting radio stations to increase the level of reliable information available to communities
- Reducing social tensions between ethnic groups through repair to a cultural center and support of soccer tournaments to bring community members together to engage in dialogue
- Supporting the reintegration of motorcycle-taxi drivers into the formal economy to reduce crime and corruption and promote links between civil society and the Government of Côte D'Ivoire

FAST FACTS

Program Start:	September 2011
Prior Year Funding:	\$23 Million
Current Year Funding:	\$5 Million
Partners:	AECOM (2011-2014) Chemonics International (2014-present)
Areas of Operation:	Key neighborhoods of Abidjan and Western Cote d'Ivoire
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